

**Department of Health Services  
Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
Tribal Consultation on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grants  
Summary of Meetings July 26 and August 9, 2012**

Attendance: Tribal Nations represented; Bad River, Forest County Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, Lac Courte Oreilles, Oneida, Red Cliff, Stockbridge-Munsee, Saint Croix, DHS represented by; Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Tribal Affairs, and Area Administration

**Meeting Summaries:**

The July 26 meeting reviewed the purpose for Tribal Consultation and provided an orientation to the mental health and substance abuse block grants. Information was shared on federal expectations for block grant use and how Wisconsin allocates the block grants to Tribal Nations, counties, private and public agencies. The application process for the block grants is being modified in 2103; DHS-DMHSAS is conducting a needs assessment to consider how block grants are allocated and existing needs in Wisconsin.

The August 9 meeting continued the review of block grant allocations, the needs assessment process and discussion of the unique needs of Tribal people for mental health and substance abuse programming. Following are remarks from Tribal Nations to be incorporated into the block grant needs assessment:

**Bad River:**

- Increased access to child therapies and/or children's therapists
- Training on post-traumatic stress disorders and trauma informed care
- Support (funding or increased access) to training on mental health and substance abuse programming for Tribal practitioners
- Need for better, more comprehensive data on the incidence of mental health and substance abuse concerns among tribal people
- Training on reimbursement opportunities including Medicaid
- Access to traditional healing services, this may include reimbursements for such services and/or funding to support access

**Forest County Potawatomi**

- Will submit response separately

**Ho Chunk**

- Will submit response separately

## **Lac Courte Oreilles**

- Improved access to detox services for substance abuse
- Cross training for tribal practitioners on approaches to dual diagnosis treatment
- Address the absence of insurance or third party payers for certain populations such as childless adults, non-custodial parents
- Increasing funding for prevention services
- Better collaborations in responding to prescription drug abuse
- Advancing medical or health home initiatives among Tribal Nations
- Creating resources for supportive housing

## **Oneida**

- Developing approaches to address inter-generational trauma and the reluctance of families to engage in treatment services
- Increasing access to co-occurring treatment
- Serving veterans in community settings
- Access to care; addressing waiting lists for services
- Addressing the shortage of professional providers in WI, including consideration of a recruitment service for professional positions
- MA reimbursements do not cover costs of service (targeted case management)
- Developing resources for opiate addictions, lack of suboxone providers
- Increased community education of mental health and substance abuse services
- Increased need for transitional treatment services
- Access to in home counseling services for children
- Increase access to traditional healers

## **Red Cliff**

- Increase access to treatment, need more tribal providers on or near reservation lands, need more reliable transportation services
- Increased access to traditional healers and culturally competent treatments for Native American populations
- Red Cliff lacks physical space for outpatient services, consider integrated service approaches (medical and behavioral health)
- Earlier intervention strategies that incorporate family treatment approaches
- Greater funding to tribal nations to develop on reservation treatment programs
- Developing treatment programming that can demonstrate success, sometimes Native Americans spend much time in treatment without successful outcomes
- Access to trauma informed care
- Programming to address bullying for children
- Increasing access to in home counseling for adults and children, this would allow greater access to family therapy approaches

- Developing telemedicine approaches for Tribal people
- Increasing access to self-help programming
- Tribal providers need more training opportunities
- Crisis stabilization services on the reservation
- Community education programming based in school settings
- Tribal-community approach to addressing mental health and substance use problems, combining education with treatment programming

### **Stockbridge-Munsee**

- Increasing access to reimbursements for traditional healing approaches
- Developing health home approaches for people with dual diagnosis
- Developing reimbursement systems for case management services
- Addressing shortage of professional staff, difficulties in recruitment and retention of tribal practitioners

### **Saint Croix**

- Increasing awareness of mental health and substance abuse issues, promoting recovery
- Increasing access to treatment in home and community settings
- Increasing family therapy approaches
- Tribal Nations need more clinicians based on a higher incidence of mental health/substance abuse concerns among Tribal people
- Increasing access to community support programming, medication management for people with serious mental illness
- Addressing transportation and housing needs

DMHSAS is continuing to gather input on the needs assessment through the month of August. Tribal Nations are encouraged to submit other comments or feedback prior to Aug 31.

The group discussed tribal-county business relationships related to behavioral health programming, and how DHS can support efforts to improve relationships as needed. DHS' Tribal Affairs Unit, Area Administration, and program Divisions are available to support such efforts. Tribes are encouraged to contact DHS for assistance. DHS has sponsored meetings of tribal and county behavioral health practitioners to promote education and service system development. DHS will research the potential to schedule such meetings at regional levels.

DMHSAS will post all of the materials distributed and reviewed during the tribal consultation meetings to the DHS-DMHSAS website. The link to the material is:

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aboutdhs/dmhsas/dmhsatribalconsult.htm>

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